(ख) और (ग) वर्ष 1995 में उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा, तत्कालीन प्रस्तावित निर्यात गहन क्षेत्र योजना के अन्तर्गत 46.21 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से मुरादाबाद में अवसंरचनात्मक विकास के लिए एक परियोजना प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया गया था। तथापि, यह योजना कार्यान्वित नहीं की गई थी तथा परियोजना प्रारम्भ नहीं की जा सकी।

वर्ष 1995-96 में, क्रिटिकल इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर बैलेंस स्कीम के नाम से प्रारम्भ की गई एक नई योजना के अन्तर्गत, एक नया प्रस्ताव उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा मुरादाबाद में पावर पद्धति में सुधार के लिए प्रस्तुत किया गया था। क्रिटिकल इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर बैलेंस स्कीम की अधिकार प्राप्त समिति ने पावर पद्धति के सुधार के लिए 8.00 करोड़ रुपये के अनुदान की स्वीकृति दे दी है तथा 6.50 करोड़ रुपये की राशि राज्य सरकार को पहले ही रिलीज़ की जा चुकी है।

NTC Losses

3194. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees in all the units of NTC;

(b) what is the cumulative loss incurred by all the units of NTC so far;

(c) what is the amount allocated for plan and non-plan for the losing NTC mills in 1998-99 budget; and

(d) whether these units can be revived, if not, the reasons for not closing these units?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) As on 31.3.98 the NTC mills had a total number of 95958 employees.

(b) The cumulative loss of NTC are Rs. 5268.66 crores (Pro.) as on 31.3.98.

(c) In the 1998-99 budget, a total provision of Rs. 380 crores exists under non-plan loans to NTC.

(d) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around strategy for the viable mills of NTC, keeping in view the BIFR norm of the net worth of these mills turning postitive, within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plan.

Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme in Maharashtra

3195. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to cover more villages under the Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme in Maharashtra during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof district-wise;

(c) the number of persons who will get employment under the scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) No, Sir. The Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme has been discontinued with effect from 1.4.1997.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Packaging of cement in HDPE/PP Bags

3196. SHRI BRAHMKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that HDPE/PP bags are more suitable for packing cement than jute bags;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal to the Central Government to exempt the cement, fertilizers and other industries from jute packaging orders;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and